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654 433 648 Governor's intention to ask the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for advice from time to time on current problems of the Maltese economy and on the plans for Malta's economic development.

9. Private industrial development is to be assisted by the Aids to Industry legislation which the Governor intends to enact this month. This will offer substantial fiscal incentives to new industries to establish themselves in the Islands. New industries establishing themselves in Malta will also be eligible to apply for grants and loans. In administering these various incentives to industrial development the Governor will be assisted by an influential advisory body on which there will be Maltese representatives. This body will be under the chairmanship of Lord Hives, who is already familiar with Malta's problems.

Her Majesty's Government have now decided to contribute a sum of up to £29,000,000 over the next five years towards the cost of Malta's capital programme, the conversion of the dockyard to civil use and the encouragement of new industries.

642 654 648 The 1959 Constitution came into operation, as it happened, on the 15th April, which is celebrated in Malta as George Cross Day. It provides for the administration of the islands by the Governor with the aid of a part-official, part-nominated Executive Council with Maltese representation, an arrangement similar to that in force between 1936 and 1939. There was also enacted the Aids to Industry legislation foreshadowed in Mr Lennox-Boyd's Statement; Messrs Bailey successfully took over the Dockyard, which had been converted into a commercial undertaking with the financial help of the British Government; work was inaugurated on the construction of a new deep-water wharf in the Grand Harbour.

744 ● 73 Sir Robert Laycock's term of office, while politically frustrating, ended with a year of economic advance and new hopes. It also saw an immense advance in social services such as District Nursing and the care of handicapped children, orphans and victims of infantile paralysis under the vigorous

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leadership and in some cases on the initiative of Lady Laycock, who worked in close association with the Archbishop of Malta and voluntary helpers clerical and lay.

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History tends to repeat itself, not least in Malta. In the times of the Knights the flags of eight Langues or Nations waved over their respective sectors of the island's defences. To-day, from the Headquarters of the Allied Forces, Mediterranean (HAFMED) beside the ancient granaries of Floriana, there fly the flags of six of the NATO Nations, Great Britain, France, Greece, Italy, Turkey and the U.S.A. There is only one change since the days when the banners of the Langues symbolized a League of Christian Nations banded against a common foe and a common danger. In the Malta of the Knights the common foe had been the Turk; to-day the star and crescent of Turkey fly over the walls of Malta beside the flags of Turkey's allies in NATO, emblematic of a common defensive partnership against a very different foe. Christian and Moslem are now linked in alliance against an ideology whose enemies are God and freedom.

The cosmopolitan impact of NATO officers and their wives and daughters on the Island's society has made Malta once more what the traveller Patrick Brydone called it in the reign of Grand Master Pinto, "the epitome of all Europe."

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